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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT  
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 REF: STATE 33336

1. RE PARA 11 REFTTEL, FOLLOWING CABLE RECEIVED FROM KOLBASOV VIA KAZAKOV TO TIMOTHY ATKESON, U.S. LEGAL/ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT CHAIRMAN, MARCH 9:

QTE WE PROPOSE TO BEING THE MEETING OF SPECIALISTS MAY EIGHT, WITH GROUP OF FOUR SPECIALISTS. DETAILS FOLLOW BY LETTER UNQTE.

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO KOLBASOV/KAZAKOV U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED DATE, AND SUGGESTION THAT WEEK OF MAY 8-11 BE TAKEN UP WITH MEETING, WHILE FOLLOWING WEEK SOVIET GROUP MIGHT VISIT PLACES AND INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST. WE SHALL PURSUE FURTHER FOLLOWING RECEIPT KOLVASOV LETTER.

2. RE PARA 7 REFTTEL, URBAN GROUP. HUD WISHES REMIND SOVIET SIDE THAT FOUR-WEEK DEADLINE FOR APRIL 8 ARRIVAL NOTICE ALREADY PAST, AND WE ARE CLOSE TO FOUR-WEEK DEADLINE FOR APRIL 15 ARRIVAL. AFTER WHICH, AS PER REFTTEL, VISIT MUST BE POSTPONED TO FALL. SINCE THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT GROUP, WHICH HAS ALREADY RECEIVED MUCH ADVANCE PUBLICITY, WE WOULD REGRET TO SEE FURTHER POSTPONEMENT. EMBASSY SHOULD REMIND KUDRYAVTSEV AND/OR HYDROMET OF APPROACHING DEADLINE AND OUR HOPE APRIL VISIT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, IT APPEARS SOVIET MARINE GROUP NOT PLANNING MEET MARCH 19 INVITATION DATE. IF SO, DR. SCHNEIDER NOW PROPOSES ALTERNATIVE DATES OF MAY 13-30. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY STRESSING NEED FOR MESSAGE FOR DR. SCHNEIDER IN NEAR FUTURE, INCLUDING ANSWER ON QUESTION IF SOVIETS CAN

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4. EMBASSY MAY WISH CONVEY TO KAZAKOV OUR APPRECIATION FOR  
MESSAGES NOW BEING RECEIVED, AND OUR HOPE OF GETTING WORD  
ON REMAINING GROUPS SHORTLY. ROGERS

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